

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These Remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2004 ("Office Action"). By this Response, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2, 5, 12, 15-18, 21, 23 and 26-29 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have also added new claim 30. Therefore, claims 3, 4, 6-11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 24-25 and 30 are pending in the present application. Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 3, 4, 6-11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 24-25 and 30.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner's requirement to correct drawing informalities is not understood. The Applicants filed corrected drawings with their response of January 12, 2004 and the Examiner indicated that the objections were withdrawn in his paper of April 5, 2004 (see paragraph 1 of that paper). Further clarification is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Applicants have amended claims 3, 6, 13, 19 and 20 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the objections be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-2, 5, 12, 15-18, 21, 23 and 26-29 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by this Response. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections are moot.

• Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Chang for his indication that claims 3-4, 6-11, 13-14, 19-20, 22 and 24-25 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that new claim 30 is allowable and respectfully request that the Examiner so indicate.

No fee is believed due with the submission of this Response. However, if it is determined otherwise, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee necessary or to credit any overpayment to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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